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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

TETSUKA ET AL.

Examiner

Bradley J. Van Pelt

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 36-76 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 55-76 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 36-54 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: On pg. 16 line 17, “show” should be changed to --shown--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claims 36-54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The limitation “wherein the rotating member is coupled to the reference member so that the rotational axis moves together with the reference member” is new matter, because the only rotational axis set forth in the claim is that of the rotating member 498. In the originally filed specification, the rotational axis of rotating member 498 is fixed with respect to the bicycle; therefore this limitation is new matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 36-54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Walter et al. (USPN 5,217,094), hereinafter Walter.

Walter discloses a rotating member 60 having a bias coupling portion; a reference member 45; a biasing mechanism 65 having a biasing vector that biases in a first direction; and a biasing vector moving mechanism that moves the biasing vector in a second direction different from the first direction;

second direction is opposite the first;

biasing vector changes from pointing to a first side of the pivot reference to pointing toward a second side of the pivot reference axis (see column 5, lines 1-20: in Fig. 6 the spring 65 is biasing the pawl 45 in a counterclockwise direction so that the vector is pointing in a downward direction whereas in Fig. 7 the spring 65 is biasing the pawl 45 in a clockwise direction so that the vector is pointing in an opposite upward direction);

biasing mechanism is a spring;

biasing moving vector comprises a rotating member 70 that rotates the rotating member;

pawl has a pawl tooth spaced apart from the pawl tooth;

pawl comprises an elongated portion 55.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 55-76 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed April 25, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The rotational axis of the reference member 45 moves together with itself. As the reference member is repositioned in the slot 56, the rotational axis is changed with respect to the reference member and the rotating member 60. Thus, the Walter reference anticipates this limitation.

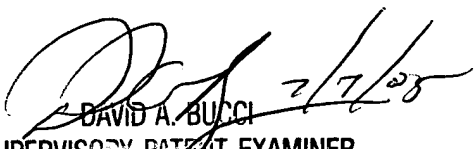
Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bradley J. Van Pelt whose telephone number is (571)272-7113. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David A. Bucci can be reached on (571)272-7099. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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